

Amendment  
Serial No. 10/531,730  
Attorney Docket No. 052472

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please replace the three original sheets of drawing by the replacement sheets which are identical but of good quality.

REMARKS

By the present amendment, claim 1 has been amended by incorporating therein the subject matter of claim 3. Accordingly, claim 3 has been cancelled and claims 4-6 have been amended to depend on claim 1 instead of claim 3.

Further, claim 16 has been amended by incorporating therein the subject matter of claim 17, and the method steps have been recited more positively in claim 16 by replacing “one implements an ignition system including...” by “the ignition system includes...,” changing “and” by “said method comprising,” replacing both occurrences of “one introduces” and “one causes” by the active verbs “introducing” and “causing,” and replacing “wherein one lets” (original claim 17) by “comprising letting.” Claims 17-18 have been cancelled.

New claim 19 has been added. Claim 19 corresponds to claim 1 in which the subject matter of claim 14 has been incorporated.

Claims 1-2, 4-16, and 19 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 16, and 19 are the only independent claims.

In the Office Action, the drawings are objected to with regard to line quality.

Replacement drawings are submitted with this paper. Accordingly, it is submitted that the objection should be withdrawn.

Next, in the Office Action, claims 16-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as indefinite.

The method steps in claim 16 have been recited more positively as follows:

- replacing “one implements an ignition system including...” by “the ignition system includes...”, since this clause further defines the ignition system,
- changing “and” (9 lines from the bottom of claim 16) by “said method comprising” to initiate the recitation of positive method steps,
- replacing both occurrences of “one introduces” and “one causes” by the active verbs “introducing” and “causing” so as to clarify the actual method steps in active form, and
- replacing “wherein one lets” (original claim 17) by “comprising letting.”

Further, claims 17 and 18 have been cancelled.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the rejection should be withdrawn.

Next, in the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 9, 11, 13, 15-16, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by US 743,097 to Phail (“Phail”).

The rejection is respectfully traversed. However, to expedite prosecution of this application, present claim 1 incorporates the features of claim 3, claim 16 incorporates the features of claim 17, and claim 19 incorporates the features of claim 14. Since claims 3, 17, and 14 are indicated to contain allowable subject matter in the Office Action, it is submitted that the rejection is moot.

In conclusion, the invention as presently claimed is patentable. It is believed that the claims are in allowable condition and a notice to that effect is earnestly requested.

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In the event there is, in the Examiner's opinion, any outstanding issue and such issue may be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of the response period. Please charge the fee for such extension and any other fees which may be required to our Deposit Account No. 502759.

Respectfully submitted,

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